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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits this amendment in full compliance with the examiner's

Action of April 18. 2007. No arguments presented in this amendment. No new matters are

added. Drawings and specification remain unchanged.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

The examiner has rejected claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated

by JP06229319. In response, the applicant has incorporated the allowable claim 2 into the

rejected claim 1 to form a new allowable independent claim 1 which overcomes the rejection

under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

The examiner has further rejected claims 4-5, 7-10, 12-16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103

as being unpatentable over JP06229319 in view of one or more references of Reuchlein's US

4,824,149, Karlsson's 6,234,120, and Tomoju's 5,237,964. Since the claims rejected under 35

U.S.C. §103 are directly or indirectly depended from the allowable base claim 1, the applicant

respectfully presents that each dependent claim is patentable on its own merits.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that a timely notice of allowance for claims 1 and 2-18

be issued on this case.

Respectively submitted,

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